

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 15-17 are pending. By this Response, claim 3 is amended, claims 15-17 added and claims 5-14 are cancelled.

Applicants have added claims 15-17 directed to the method of the map data processing unit of claim 1. Applicants respectfully submit that the method claims are in condition for allowance, and thus claims 1-4 along with claims 15-17 should maintain allowable status. No new matter is added by the addition of the claims.

The Office Action alleges that the application is in condition for allowance except for antecedent basis problems associated with claim 3. Claim 3 has been amended to depend from claim 2 to address the antecedent basis problem.

Thus, the application is now in condition for allowance. Prompt allowance of the application is earnestly solicited.

Conclusion

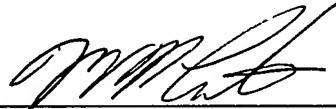
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Chad J. Billings (Reg. No. 48,917) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.

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02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17;  
particularly, extension of time fees.

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